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SUBJECT: ABA VISIT

REF: MONTEVIDEO 1034

1. BUTLER CONCURS WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR APRIL 3 RECEPTION. HE HAS NO NAMES TO SUGGEST FOR INVITATIONS.

2. THE MISSION WILL PREPARE BRIEF ARRIVAL STATEMENT THANKING MENDEZ FOR ALLOWING VISIT AND OTHERWISE COMPOSED OF GENERALITIES ABOUT INDEPENDENCE OF LEGAL PROFESSION. NO SPECIFIC CASES WILL BE MENTIONED. THEY WILL DISCUSS PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE WITH EMBASSY AFTER ARRIVAL, BUT INCLINATION OF BUTLER IS TO AVOID PRESS COMMENTS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. THERE IS NOT SUFFICIENT TIME TO OBTAIN A BIOGRAPHIC REPORT FROM REQUE FOR CABLING TO THE EMBASSY. HOWEVER, THE TEAM WILL BRING A COPY OF THE BIO MATERIAL ON REQUE
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SUBMITTED TO THE ABA WHEN HE WAS ORIGINALLY INTERVIEWED FOR THE MISSION. BUTLER STATES THAT HIS BIO CONTAINED IN WHO'S WHO IS CURRENT.

4. THE MISSION CONFIRMED THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS LATE DATE FOR EITHER PARTICIPANT TO ARRIVE EARLIER THAN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED.

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5. BUTLER PROVIDED THE NAMES OF THREE LAWYERS, IN ADDITION TO THE ORIGINAL FOUR, WHICH ABA RESEARCH INDICATES ARE INCARCERATED BECAUSE THEY DEFENDED POLITICAL PRISONERS OR HAD SOME ASSOCIATION WITH POLITICAL SUSPECTS. THESE ARE:

A. JOSE L. BAUMGARTNER LAPITZ. AGE 45. FORMERLY, DIRECTOR OF YA NEWSPAPER.

B. MARIO DELL'ACQUA. SECRETARY OF THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF FINE ARTS. ARRESTED AND RELEASED SEVERAL TIMES.

C. LUIS A. VIERA. AGE 70. PROFESSOR OF LAW AT MONTEVIDEO LAW SCHOOL. INDICTED IN JUNE 1977 FOR ASSISTING COMMUNIST. HE DEFENDED BROTHER SINCE EXPELLED FROM URUGUAY. LUIS IS CONSIDERED APOLITICAL. THE ABOVE THREE NAMES WERE CULLED FROM A LIST OF 45 LAWYERS NOW DETAINED. COOPER

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